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Viewing cable 93RIYADH593,

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags `#cablegate` and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. `#93RIYADH593`.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
93RIYADH593	1993-01-23 15:22	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Riyadh

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.aftenposten.no/spesial/wikileaksdokumenter/article3996029.ece>

R 231522Z JAN 93
FM AMEMBASSY RIYADH
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1048
INFO GCC COLLECTIVE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 RIYADH 00593

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR TAGS: [PINR](#) [SOCI](#) [PGOV](#) [SA](#)

§1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

§2. SUMMARY: AN OTHERWISE CALM SENIOR BANKER RECENTLY REVEALED TO US THAT HIS BROTHER HAD FOUGHT WITH THE MUJAHIDEEN IN AFGHANISTAN. HIS ACCOUNT
§3. THE CHARGE RECENTLY TALKED TO A PROMINENT BANK PRESIDENT AND FORMER FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL. DURING THE DISCUSSION, THIS SOBER-MINDED PEF
§4. THE BANKER DID NOT VOLUNTEER ANY DETAILS OF HIS BROTHERS STAY IN AFGHANISTAN, BUT INSTEAD SKIPPED AHEAD TO THE POINT OF HIS RETURN. WHEN THE
§5. SINCE HIS RETURN, AND CONTRARY TO THE FAMILY'S EXPECTATION, THE BROTHER HAS DECLINED TO LIVE WITH HIS MOTHER, WHO LIVES ALONE IN RIYADH. INS
§6. THE BANKER SAID THAT, DESPITE THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGIOUS CONSERVATIVES SUCH AS HIS BROTHER, SAUDI ARABIA IS A STABLE COUNTRY, IN LITTLE DAN
§7. IN SAUDI ARABIA, THE KING HOLDS ALL THE CARDS, AND IS ABLE TO TONE DOWN OR QUASH SUCH DISSENT AT ANY TIME. THE BANKER SAID THAT THE KING DI
§8. THE BANKER DID CONCEDE THAT SOME BUSINESSMEN DO STAND OUT FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR ISLAMIC GROUPS, CITING THE EXAMPLE OF USAMA BIN LADEN. ALTH
§9. COMMENT: THIS GENTLEMAN HAS OBVIOUSLY GIVEN THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF EXTREMISM IN SAUDI ARABIA SOME THOUGHT. HAVING A TRUE BELIEVER WILLING
§10. FOR MANY OF OUR BANKER FRIENDS GENERATION, IT IS NOT THE ISLAMIC CONTENT OF THE THOUGHT OF THEIR YOUNGER BROTHERS (AND SONS) THAT SCARES T
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